

Cardigan Mountain Art Association
Membership Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2007

A membership meeting was brought to order by President Josh Trought, at approximately 6:40 pm. Sixteen members attended the meeting. Treasurer Sue Pearson gave a brief report. She reported that we have over \$6000 in our account and that basically we are looking good. Rosemary Hanes posed the question as to whether we have made up for being short on participants in the current show and this was answered in the affirmative. However, the invitation for additional participants in the show was extended, as it is still open. Latecomers would not be charged the full \$75 for the three months. Additional cards would be welcomed. Ramona Helf agreed to join the show.

Copies of a draft of the new bylaws were distributed by Rosemary Hanes and reviewed by the members. Rosemary, Jeannette Stillson, Barbara MacAlister, and Sue Pearson had met to overhaul the previous draft (which had not been successful in achieving non-profit status) to pare down the 39 pages and retrieve the important parts. This new draft included descriptions of officers' roles and roles of chairs of standing committees. The new draft was discussed and a number of changes were suggested and agreed upon. Rosemary agreed to send copies of a new draft with all the suggested changes to members both by e-mail and snail mail. This new draft was to be voted on at the next membership meeting. Rosemary also presented a new logo to the membership for approval. A few changes were suggested for the logo.

Sue Pearson announced that the mailboxes would be in a new location in the closet. There will also be a file box with roles for officers and standing committee chairs.

A discussion of our lease status followed. It was announced that some of Rick's property is now in foreclosure. There was to be an auction of the property most recently known as the Depot Street Studios on Saturday July 21st. The Gallery building is now for sale. Our rent is paid up through July and, since we have no lease, the future looks uncertain. Josh's suggestion, which was well received, was to hang tight and continue renting month to month. However, this matter was recommended for Executive Board consideration. Other options for gallery space have been made available. These include the front of the office of Fine Country Property Real Estate and "BJ's", the latter being available after the summer.

"Storefront aesthetics" were then discussed. The first item here was a placard sign owned by Andy Muse, which it was speculated that we could improve possibly in exchange for a free listing on the sign for a year or perhaps a listing for a very small fee. Candi Canton volunteered to add the CMAA part to the sign. Barbara MacAlister agreed to talk to Andy Muse about the arrangements.

The next matter related to signs was the state signs on which a listing costs \$500 per year and requires a certain number and configuration of hours. Elizabeth Cronenwett suggested tabling this matter until other signage issues were resolved. A third signage issue, an improvement of our own easel sign was then brought up and a committee was then formed to deal with signage, especially the easel sign. Barbara MacAlister and Gary

Hamel volunteered to be on this committee. Ideas for the easel sign were discussed and Gary agreed bring some sketches to the next members meeting.

Upcoming events were then brought up. Publicity for the Garden Show was a major item. Fliers for this had been made, but members wanted to change the name to "Artists in the Garden". Joan Thomson is working with Carrie Fradkin on a brochure of summer events, which will include the Garden Show, Old Home Days events and a few summer classes. Jeannette Stillson volunteered to work on newspaper publicity for the Garden Show and Joan will coordinate with her on this. An addition to the garden show would be a display on the first floor of Rainey Kelly's house a number of works of art from Gary Hamel's collection relating to gardens. Debbie Crowell suggested an alternate to the gallery as a place for purchasing tickets to the Garden Show, but it was decided to stick with the gallery. The painters in the show will be Gary Hamel, Larry Howard, Candi Canton, Ramona Helf, Barbara McAlister, Sue Pearson, Linda Wilson, and Barbara Smith. Guides to be stationed at the gardens were recruited. Joan volunteered and Liz Houghton volunteered; more are needed. Anyone involved in or interested in the Garden Show should come to a meeting at 4 pm on Tuesday, July 24th to help firm up details.

Plans for Old Home Days were then fleshed out. Gary outlined his idea for walking television sets for the parade. He needs at least seven of these and got some volunteers: Josh, Joan, Candi, Ramona, and Debbie so far. There was to be a meeting the following Tuesday to make the TV sets and further plans. Anyone interested in participating please contact Gary Hamel! Liz Houghton then reported on the free kids' events she has planned for 10-2 on Saturday. She has some materials but may need more and got approval to purchase what she needs. In case of rain, these events will be held in the Cozy Corner. Any work for the Old Home Days Show must be submitted by Friday August 3rd at 10 am at the Meeting House. Each member should bring what he/she can. The Tent Sale is still on; Gary and Barbara will be there from 1-4 on Saturday and Sunday. Any additional help is welcome.

Eleanor Coffey then made the suggestion that each person working in the gallery make a call from there to the person scheduled to work the corresponding shift the next day that the gallery is open to remind that person that they are scheduled for that time. This suggestion was well received.

Elizabeth Cronenwett then presented some ideas and a progress report on our website, which she has enthusiastically taken on. She would like more input for the site, including directory entries for members. She invited all members who would like to be included in this to fill out a 3 x 5 card with information that they would like in a directory and give it to her or contact her at cronenwett@gmail.com or (603) 448-6512. Joan made the suggestion that our URL show up on our signs and this idea was expanded to include fliers and all other printed information. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm. These minutes have not been subject to an approval process.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Thomson, Recording Secretary, CMAA